

8/9/21 Minutes Egremont Bylaws Committee

Mary McGurn, Chair (MM)
Richard Allen (RA)
Steve Goodman (SG)
Richard Slutzky (RS)
Eileen Vining (EV)

A quorum being present, MM called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. A roll call was taken.

Minutes of the 8/9/21 meeting were approved.

Bylaw 12.2.3.4

SG moved and the motion passed to change first sentence of 12.2.4.3 to the following:
“The Egremont Building Inspector shall enforce compliance with this Section 12.2.4. “

Transportation Revolving Fund

The committee has sufficient information to finalize the grid under the previously approved draft. According to town counsel, voters approved amending the current bylaw to include the transportation revolving fund and any clarifying text at the ATM. A motion was unanimously approved to include the following language on the revolving fund grid:

Revolving Fund: Transportation

Dept, Bd, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund: Van Service
Transportation Department

Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund: Donations from those who utilize the van, assessments from participating towns of Alford & Mt. Washington, stipend from BRTA (Berkshire Regional Transit Authority)

Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund: Expenses related to the van & the van service & the transit department

Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund: (left blank)

Fiscal Years: 2022 and subsequent

Bylaw 14.1

Proposed wording by EV and edited by the committee passed and is restated below:

Every dog six months of age or older kept in the Town of Egremont for more than 30 days shall be licensed by the Egremont Town Clerk in accordance with MGL Chapter 140 Section 137. The licensing period shall be from April 1 to March 31. Any dog kept in the town for more than 30 days that is duly licensed in another municipality shall obtain an Egremont dog license at no cost for the remainder of the current licensing period. The Town Clerk may provide up to a 3-year license when proof of a 3 year rabies vaccination is submitted. An owner or keeper's failure to license a dog shall be subject to a fine of \$50 in addition to the licensing fee.

Bylaw 14.1.2

SG will provide his redraft to the committee by the next meeting. EV proposed that leash laws be discussed before discussing muzzling and restraining orders. RA will review state law on muzzling and restraining orders.

Bylaw 14.1.3

MM proposed that this section be eliminated. RA will conduct additional research to assure its inclusion is unnecessary to the bylaw..

Bylaw 14.1.4

SG moved that the following addition initially proposed by MM be approved. The motion passed and the proposed language is as follows:

14.1.4: All dogs, licensed or unlicensed, must be leashed when on public property within the Town. This includes town roads and French Park, except for the Dog Park. No owner or keeper shall permit a dog to go beyond the confines of the owner's or keeper's property without being leashed. Leashed dogs must be accompanied by a person of adequate age and ability to properly control its actions. A dog engaged in working, hunting, field trials or training purposes is exempt for the period of time it is actually engaged in the event or sport and provided it is under the direct supervision of a person capable of controlling its actions.

Additional Committee membership

The Committee discussed the pros/cons of adding another member to its ranks to fill the vacancy left by Chet Delaney. MM will place the committee vacancy on the next BoS agenda. Members will offer possible names of candidates to fill Chet's vacancy plus add as another member.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Slutzky